

## **'Catamounts,' Giessen University restock university library's shelves**

**Story by Lt. Col. John Kem, 16th Engineer Battalion commander**

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Combat Engineers from Task Force 1st Armored Division and a German University located at the unit's home station are helping students from the Baghdad University College of Languages learn about the languages and cultures of other countries.

Baghdad University did not have enough contemporary language books to properly support the students. This is particularly true of the college's German book and literature collection.

Recognizing the school's need for books and teaching materials, the 16th Engineer Battalion worked with the Justus-Liebig-University of Giessen, in Giessen, Germany, to get books donated from German students and faculty.

"The 16th Engineer Battalion is stationed in Giessen so it was a natural connection for us to contact our hometown university for help," said Lt. Col. John Kem, the 16th Engineer Bn., commander. "Dr. Stefan Hormuth, the University President was very generous in collecting books to begin the rebuilding of the library of German literature."

Capt. Casey Connors, the 16th's rear detachment commander, coordinated for the pickup of more than 500 books and 300 pamphlets for shipment to Iraq via the U.S. military postal system.

"We have spent the last nine months working here at the Bab Muadham campus," said Sgt. Wesley Dickerson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Engineer Bn., one of the Soldiers who helped deliver the books to the language library. "It is great to see the results of our efforts; especially the help from the students and teachers back in Giessen."



**Spec. Oralio Bowie and Sgt. Wesley Dickerson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Engineer Battalion, join a member of the Baghdad University College of Languages library staff in the college's library. The engineer battalion recently delivered books donated by students and faculty from the Justus-Liebig-University of Giessen. Courtesy photo.**

Spec. Oralio Bowie, a food service specialist from HHC's support platoon also helped with the delivery.

Dr. Dhai Al Nafir Hasan, The Dean of the College of Languages, who is actually a professor of Russian studies, said he was especially thankful for the assistance.

His department manages a college that teaches Spanish, German, Russian, Farsi, Hebrew, English, French, and Italian and has more than 4,000 day and 3,000 evening students.

Getting new teaching materials is a very difficult challenge, he said.

"We are honored to accept these books from President Hormuth," said Dr. Hasan. "Our students have suffered from the conduct of the war and the isolation because of Saddam; we hope this kind of cooperation can continue in the future."

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## **NEWS...**

### **Rebels Threaten Haiti's Capital**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Rebels who have overrun half of Haiti seized another town Friday and closed in on the tense capital, where looting erupted and supporters of embattled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fired guns in the air. A new rebel group seized Haiti's third-largest city, Les Cayes, on the southern coast, in the 3-week-old uprising.

### **Six-Nation Nuclear Talks to End Saturday**

BEIJING (AP) - High-level talks between six nations on North Korea's nuclear program will end Saturday after encountering "differences" and "difficulties" and will be continued by less formal working groups, news reports and Chinese officials said. The reports, from South Korea's Yonhap News Agency, said the next round of talks by senior delegates from the United States, China, Japan, Russia and the two Koreas would be held before April 30. It said the details came from a joint draft document created by delegates to the talks but yet to be officially endorsed by their governments.

### **Leader of Japan Nerve Gas Attack Sentenced**

TOKYO (AP) - Former doomsday cult guru Shoko Asahara was convicted Friday and sentenced to hang for masterminding the deadly 1995 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway and other crimes that killed 27 people and alerted the world to the danger of high-tech terrorism. Asahara, founder of the apocalyptic Aum Shinrikyo cult, also was convicted of ordering his followers to produce and stockpile arsenals of conventional and chemical weapons, including the sarin gas used in the subway attack.

### **Catholic Panel Rebukes Bishops for Abuse**

WASHINGTON (AP) - A panel of prominent Roman Catholics rebuked U.S. bishops Friday for failing to stop widespread clerical sex abuse over the last half-century, calling the leaders' performance "shameful to the church." The top American bishop pledged that the church's mistakes will never be repeated. "The terrible history recorded here today is history," said Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

### ***Thought for the day...***

#### **Living**

I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing.

-- Agatha Christie

So will I ever sing praises to thy name, as I pay my vows day after day. Psalm 61:8

## **Travel...**

### **Agency Tells Airlines to Weigh Passengers**

By **LESLIE MILLER**, Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) -- Air travel would be safer if airlines weighed their passengers from time to time to make sure they know how much weight their planes are carrying, the National Transportation Safety Board says.

Following its investigation into a commuter plane crash last year in North Carolina, the NTSB said on Thursday that airlines should at least periodically make passengers step on a scale.

The safety board also recommended the Federal Aviation Administration require improvements to training, oversight and procedures for maintenance personnel.

The crash of US Airways Express Flight 5481 at Charlotte-Douglas Airport killed 21 people, the deadliest U.S. aviation accident in nearly 2 1/2 years.

The Beech 1900, operated by Air Midwest, was virtually uncontrollable because of two fatal mistakes, the safety board concluded.

First, the airline's guidelines for estimating the weight of passengers and baggage were inaccurate. The pilots, therefore, didn't realize the plane's rear section was too heavy.

Second, mechanics had improperly rigged cables connected to the elevator, the tail flap that controls the up-and-down direction of the aircraft's nose. The errors meant the elevator's downward motion was restricted to half its normal range, according to the NTSB.

Without a fully maneuverable elevator, the pilots couldn't force the nose of the plane down to compensate for its heavy tail, investigators said.

As a result, the plane pitched sharply upward just seconds after takeoff for Greer, S.C., then fell from the sky. Soon afterward, the FAA ordered airlines to weigh some of their passengers to determine the accuracy of current guidelines - for example, adults in winter were calculated to weigh 185 pounds on average.

The survey showed what many suspected: Passengers and their bags had gotten heavier. The FAA issued temporary guidelines adding up to 10 pounds to its estimate for passengers and 5 pounds to checked luggage.

The NTSB said those guidelines don't go far enough. The board recommended the FAA require airlines operating planes with 10 or more seats to weigh passengers periodically to determine when they might be heavier - for example, in December when they wear heavy coats and carry presents.

The FAA is working on that. Since June, a committee has been examining the average weights of passengers and baggage and how they vary according to season or geography. Debby McElroy, Regional Airline Association president, said her group is working with the FAA on the weight and balance issues identified by the NTSB.

The committee is expected to make recommendations next month.

NTSB investigators also found flaws in the way mechanics were trained and supervised, how their work was checked and how Air Midwest controlled the quality of its maintenance. Those problems led to the improperly rigged elevator cables on the Charlotte flight.

As part of a series of recommendations on maintenance, the NTSB said the FAA should require that work on key flight control systems, including elevator cables, be checked upon completion.

FAA representative Laura Brown said the agency already is working on the issues raised by the investigation.



## Today in History...

### February 28, 1992: *Star Trek* exhibit opens

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On this day in 1922, the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., opens an exhibit honoring the original *Star Trek* television series.

The exhibit featured more than 80 costumes, props, and models from the show, including Mr. Spock's pointy ears and a replica of the deck of the *Starship Enterprise*.

Although *Star Trek* ran for only three years (starting in 1966) and never placed better than No. 52 in the ratings, Gene Roddenberry's sci-fi series became a cult classic and spawned four television series and nine movies.

The first *Star Trek* spin-off was a Saturday morning cartoon, *The Animated Adventures of Gene Roddenberry's Star Trek*, which ran from 1973 to 1975 (original cast members supplied the voices).

The TV show *Star Trek: The Next Generation* first aired in 1987 and was set in the 24th century, starring the crew of the new, larger USS *Enterprise NCC-1701-D*, captained by Jean-Luc Picard (played by Patrick Stewart). This series became the highest-rated syndicated drama on television and ran until 1994.

Another spin-off, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, premiered in 1992, featuring a 24th-century crew who live in a space station rather than a starship.

*Star Trek: Voyager*, which debuted in 1995, was the first to feature a female captain, Kathryn Janeway (played by Kate Mulgrew). In this series, the crew of the USS *Voyager* are stranded more than 70,000 light years from Federation Space and are trying to find their way home.

Meanwhile, the cast of the original *Star Trek* voyaged onto the big screen, starting with *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* in 1979. The first film yielded disappointing returns at the box office, but its sequel, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, in 1982 was more successful and ensured the future of the movie series. Subsequent films included *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*, *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*, *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*, *Star Trek: Generations*, *Star Trek: First Contact* and *Star Trek: Insurrection*.

The *Star Trek* books have been translated into more than 15 languages, and *Star Trek* conventions are held all over the United States.

### Reenlistment bonus available until soldiers depart theater

Currently, more than 1,400 soldiers have taken advantage of the deployed force reenlistment bonus since October. Soldiers must understand the bonus is no longer available once they redeploy to their home station.

The most frequently asked question from soldiers is "how long am I eligible for the reenlistment bonus?"

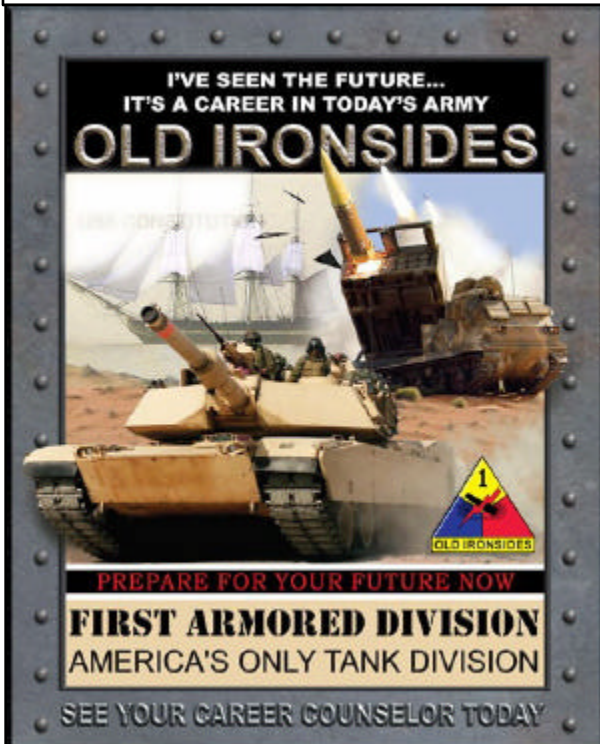
The answer is simple: once a soldier leaves Iraq, Afghanistan, or Kuwait, the lump sum tax-free bonus no longer exists.

As we begin to redeploy, our Career Counselors and key retention personnel will become much less accessible as they will be spread thin throughout Iraq, Kuwait, and Germany.

Soldiers eligible for this incentive are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity well in advance of their expected redeployment date. Soldiers should contact their Career Counselors who are standing by to assist our Iron Soldiers in continuing to serve proudly and "Stay Army."

For more information, contact your career counselor.

- Command Career Counselor: SGM James Jaranowski, 551-9405
- Retention Operations NCO: MSG Gary Schoolfield, 551-9405
- 1st Brigade: SFC Burke, Martyrs' Monument, 550-7027
- 2nd Brigade: SSG Gibson, Presidential Palace, 551-2010
- 4th Brigade: MSG Wolfe, 551-6620
- DIVARTY: SFC Hilton, 551-7030
- DIVENG: MSG Collier, 551-6131
- DISCOM SFC Casnave, 551-9405
- Division Troops: SFC Nagle, 551-9405



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| myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2004 |   |   |  | As of: Friday, February 27, 2004 8:13:48 PM                                   |                              |            |
|---|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|------------|
| Start Time  | SPORTS  | ATLANTIC  | SPECTRUM   | PACIFIC   | NEWS                         | Start Time |
| 00:00   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   | LAVA HUNTERS :- TAMING THE DRAGON                |   |                              | 00:00      |
| 00:30   |   | TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO  |  |   | HEADLINE NEWS                | 00:30      |
| 01:00   |   |   | BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER :- INTERVENTION         | BOB THE BUILDER   | LESTER HOLT LIVE             | 01:00      |
| 01:30   |   | THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN  |  | JOJO'S CIRCUS :- UNCLE FLIPPY'S FUNNY FARM/UP, UP, AND AWAY                   |                              | 01:30      |
| 02:00   | SPORTSCENTER  |   | IRON CHEF :- ASPARAGUS/SAKAI VS TOSHIHIRO KOMINE | CHALKZONE :- DISAPPEARING ACT / PORTABLE PORTAL / SNAP ON TOUR / MAKING FACES | HEADLINE NEWS                | 02:00      |
| 02:30   |   | ACCESS HOLLYWOOD  |  | JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS :- MAKE ROOM FOR DADDIO                             | NBC NIGHTLY NEWS             | 02:30      |
| 03:00   | NBA - TORONTO RAPTORS @ BOSTON CELTICS                                  | YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN  | THE VIEW   | YU-GI-OH! (TV-7): - BEST OF FRIENDS, BEST OF DEULISTS (PT. 2)                 | ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT       | 03:00      |
| 03:30   |   |   |  | ROMEO :- ATTACK OF THE NANNIES  | CBS EVENING NEWS             | 03:30      |
| 04:00   |   |   | WHAT NOT TO WEAR :- GINA                         | TRADING SPACES FAMILY :- BOSTONPROVIDENCE: BROOKSIDE DRIVE                    | MSNBC                        | 04:00      |
| 05:00   |   | THE JUROR   | WHILE YOU WERE OUT :- ARIZONA: GELDING DRIVE     | FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS: ART SIMONYAN VS JUAN RUIZ        | HANNITY & COLMES             | 05:00      |
| 05:30   | NBA - PHOENIX SUNS @ SEATTLE SUPERSONICS                                |   |  |   |                              | 05:30      |
| 06:00   |   |   | TRADING SPACES :- COLORADO: ANDES WAY            |   | THE NEWSHOUR                 | 06:00      |
| 07:00   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   | GILMORE GIRLS :- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BABY            |   | BET NIGHTLY NEWS             | 07:00      |
| 07:30   |   | ESPNEWS   |  | ESPNEWS   | NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT      | 07:30      |
| 08:00   | SPORTSCENTER  | HEADLINE NEWS   | THE DIVISION :- THE PARENT TRAP                  | WWE RAW!  | LARRY KING LIVE              | 08:00      |
| 08:30   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   |  |   |                              | 08:30      |
| 09:00   | TOTALLY NASCAR  | BOB THE BUILDER   | FOOTLOOSE  | HEADLINE NEWS   | NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN   | 09:00      |
| 09:30   | WINTER X GAMES - XIII SLAMMED   | JOJO'S CIRCUS :- UNCLE FLIPPY'S FUNNY FARM/UP, UP, AND AWAY                   |  | NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS  |                              | 09:30      |
| 10:00   | NHL COOL SHOTS  | CHALKZONE :- DISAPPEARING ACT / PORTABLE PORTAL / SNAP ON TOUR / MAKING FACES |  | OPERATION JUNKYARD :- ICE DRAG RACER  | PAULA ZAHN NOW               | 10:00      |
| 10:30   | SPORTSCENTER  | JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS :- MAKE ROOM FOR DADDIO                             |  | HOW TO BOIL WATER :- SIMPLY CHOCOLATE   |                              | 10:30      |
| 11:00   | SPORTSCENTER  | YU-GI-OH! (TV-7): - BEST OF FRIENDS, BEST OF DEULISTS (PT. 2)                 | THE VIEW   | ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT   | NIGHTLINE                    | 11:00      |
| 11:30   | NHL - WASHINGTON CAPITALS @ FLORIDA PANTHERS                            | ROMEO :- ATTACK OF THE NANNIES  |  |   | ARMY NEWSWATCH               | 11:30      |
| 12:00   |   | TRADING SPACES FAMILY :- BOSTONPROVIDENCE: BROOKSIDE DRIVE                    | WHAT NOT TO WEAR :- GINA                         | HEADLINE NEWS   | HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS | 12:00      |
| 12:30   |   |   |  | ESPNEWS   |                              | 12:30      |
| 13:00   |   | OPERATION JUNKYARD :- ICE DRAG RACER  | WHILE YOU WERE OUT :- ARIZONA: GELDING DRIVE     | DAVID SHEEHAN'S ACADEMY AWARDS PREVIEW 2004                                   | THE O'REILLY FACTOR          | 13:00      |
| 13:30   |   | HOW TO BOIL WATER :- SIMPLY CHOCOLATE   |  | ACCORDING TO JIM :- DANA GETS FIRED   |                              | 13:30      |
| 14:00   | SPORTSCENTER  | ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT   | TRADING SPACES :- COLORADO: ANDES WAY            | THE PRICE IS RIGHT MILLION DOLLAR SPECTACULAR SALUTING THE MILITARY           | DATELINE NBC                 | 14:00      |
| 15:00   | NBA - TORONTO RAPTORS @ BOSTON CELTICS                                  | WWE RAW!  | GILMORE GIRLS :- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BABY            | LAW & ORDER :- BODIES   | CNN SATURDAY MORNING         | 15:00      |
| 16:00   |   | DAVID SHEEHAN'S ACADEMY AWARDS PREVIEW 2004                                   | THE DIVISION :- THE PARENT TRAP                  | HEADLINE NEWS   | 20/20                        | 16:00      |
| 16:30   |   | ACCORDING TO JIM :- DANA GETS FIRED   |  | SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') :- CHRISTINA AGUILERA/MAROON 5                  |                              | 16:30      |
| 17:00   | SPORTSCENTER  | THE PRICE IS RIGHT MILLION DOLLAR SPECTACULAR SALUTING THE MILITARY           | FOOTLOOSE  |   | SATURDAY TODAY               | 17:00      |
| 18:00   | SPORTSCENTER  | LAW & ORDER :- BODIES   |  | LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD   |                              | 18:00      |
| 18:30   | PGA TOUR - WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS - ACCENTURE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP |   |  |   |                              | 18:30      |
| 19:00   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   | THE VIEW   | THE ENTERTAINERS  | WALL STREET JOURNAL          | 19:00      |
| 19:30   |   | NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS  |  |   | AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM        | 19:30      |
| 20:00   |   | MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ATLANTIC 10: ST. JOSEPH'S @ RHODE ISLAND           | WHAT NOT TO WEAR :- GINA                         | SPORTSCENTER  | NEWS FROM CNN                | 20:00      |
| 21:00   |   |   | WHILE YOU WERE OUT :- ARIZONA: GELDING DRIVE     | MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: OREGON @ STANFORD                          | DATELINE NBC                 | 21:00      |
| 22:00   |   | MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PATRIOT LEAGUE: NAVY @ ARMY                        | TRADING SPACES :- COLORADO: ANDES WAY            |   | HEADLINE NEWS                | 22:00      |
| 22:30   | MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: UCONN @ VILLANOVA                  |   |  |   | ARMY NEWSWATCH               | 22:30      |
| 23:00   |   |   | GILMORE GIRLS :- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BABY            | HEADLINE NEWS   | 20/20                        | 23:00      |
| 23:30   |   |   |  | HOOR OF POWER - REBUILD, RENEW, RESTORE                                       |                              | 23:30      |